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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains an update on the Legislative session; the status of 14 County-advocacy bills heard in the Senate and Assembly fiscal committees last week; and information on legislation of County interest related to: 1) reporting requirements for child fatalities; 2) data collection for child welfare services; 3) foster care services; 4) requirements for county assessors to furnish estimates of assessed valuation of property; and 5) allocation of Vehicle License Fee revenues.

Legislative Deadlines

Friday, May 25, 2012 was the last day for the Senate and Assembly fiscal committees to hear bills and report to the floor bills introduced in their respective houses. Bills held in those committees will not proceed this year and all bills must pass out of their house of origin by June 1, 2012.

Status of County Advocacy Legislation

County-opposed-unless-amended AB 1514 (B. Lowenthal), which as amended on May 9, 2012, would change existing law regarding penalties for violations of underground excavation requirements to increase the maximum amount of civil penalties that may be assessed for negligent or knowing and willful excavation violations, and specify that separate violations may be assessed as civil penalties, was held in Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 25, 2012 and will not proceed to the Assembly Floor.

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County-supported AB 1560 (Fuentes), which as amended on May 25, 2012, would require the State Department of Social Services, to the extent permitted by Federal law, to waive the CalFresh Program gross income test for any individual who is categorically eligible for CalFresh and who is a member of a household that receives, or is eligible to receive, medical assistance under the Medi-Cal program, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 5 on May 25, 2012, with technical amendments. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

County-opposed AB 1687 (Fong), which as amended on March 12, 2012, would award attorney fees when an injured employee is successful in overturning a utilization review decision before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 47 to 24 on May 17, 2012. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-supported AB 1746 (Williams), which as introduced on February 17, 2012, would restrict the sale of electrolyte replacement beverages to students in middle schools and high schools to one-half hour before the start of the school day and one-half hour after the end of the school day, was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 25, 2012, and will not proceed to the Assembly Floor.

County-opposed AB 1968 (Wieckowski), which as amended on March 29, 2012, would require the arming of specified probation officers passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 17 to 0 on May 25, 2012. The measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

County-opposed AB 2002 (Cedillo), which as amended April 30, 2012, would expand the definition of an outpatient safety net provider for the default enrollment into a Medi-Cal managed care plan to include for-profit, plan-owned, private providers, is no longer being pursued by the author, and will not proceed to the Assembly Floor.

County-supported AB 2062 (Davis), which as amended on May 25, 2012, would permit the filers of the Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 to submit the statements electronically and impose a \$1,000 fee on agencies to authorize and certify an electronic filing system, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 0 on May 25, 2012. The bill now proceeds to the Assembly Floor. This office is working with the Executive Office of the Board to analyze the amendments to AB 2062.

County-supported AB 2214 (Monning), which as amended on March 27, 2012, would require the California Workforce Investment Board to establish the Health Workforce Development Council to develop a statewide plan and strategies to increase the health care workforce, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 5 on May 25, 2012. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

County-opposed AB 2231 (Fuentes), which as amended on May 25, 2012, would require a city, county, or city and county to repair any sidewalk out of repair or pending reconstruction if that sidewalk is owned by the local entity or if the repairs are required as a result of damage caused by plants or trees, and prohibit the local entity from imposing an assessment for sidewalk repairs against the owner of private property fronting on any portion of a sidewalk, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee, with amendments, by a vote of 12 to 0 on May 25, 2012. The measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

County-supported AB 2276 (Campos), which as amended on April 17, 2012, would appropriate \$1.6 million for FY 2012–13 and for FY 2013–14 respectively from the State Health Facilities Citation Penalties Account to the California Department of Aging for use in funding local ombudsman programs, was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 25, 2012 and will not proceed to the Assembly Floor.

County-supported AB 2547 (Blumenfield), which as amended May 1, 2012, would create the State Office of the Homeless Youth Advocate for purposes of coordinating services for homeless youth, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 5 on May 25, 2012. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

County-opposed SB 986 (Dutton), which as amended April 24, 2012, would make changes to ABX1 26 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2011) to allow successor agencies to keep bond proceeds of former redevelopment agencies rather than distributing those revenues to local taxing entities, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0 on May 24, 2012. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-opposed SB 1201 (De León), which as amended on May 23, 2012 would amend the Flood Control Act to provide for increased public use of navigable waterways under the control of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District deemed suitable for recreational and educational purposes, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee, with amendments, by a vote of 5 to 2 on May 24, 2012. The measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-supported SB 1279 (Wolk), which as amended April 9, 2012, would establish legislative intent to authorize the California Department of Social Services to obtain access to designated information held by other State agencies as it relates to outcomes for children and youth in the child welfare system, was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 24, 2012 and will not proceed to the Senate Floor.

Legislation of County Interest

AB 1440 (Perea), as amended on March 29, 2012, would, among other provisions, require county child welfare agencies, within 60 calendar days of a determination that abuse or neglect led to the death of a child, to review and prepare a written report with specified information regarding the child's death, and to submit the report to CDSS within 10 business days of its completion. This measure was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 25, 2012 and will not proceed to the Assembly floor.

AB 1697 (Perea), which as amended on March 29, 2012, would require the California Department of Social Services to designate a separate data entry field in the Child Welfare Services Case Management System for a county welfare agency to record information on the reasons for placement of a child with a foster family agency or group home. The measure also would require county welfare agencies to file this information with the system when the placement is made. AB 1697 was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 25, 2012, and will not proceed to the Assembly Floor.

As previously reported, AB 1697 was originally introduced as a spot bill relating to child abuse and neglect, and child death reviews. The spot bill made one technical, non-substantive change to current law, enacted under SB 39 (Chapter 468, Statutes of 2007).

AB 1712 (Beall), which as amended on May 25, 2012, includes provisions to: 1) transfer the approval of Transitional Housing Placement (THP) Plus Foster Care providers, serving non-minor dependents (NMDs), from counties to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and add THP-Plus Foster Care as a State licensing category; 2) clarify issues concerning county of residence and inter-county transfers for NMDs; 3) clarify the effect on reunification plans when a minor becomes a NMD; 4) clarify eligibility and contingencies for Adoption Assistance Payments for NMDs who are adopted as adults; 5) clarify NMDs' access to services, including reunification services; 6) clarify Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) Program and Adoption Assistance Program payments for non-minor former dependents; and 7) among other provisions.

AB 1712 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 0 on May 25, 2012, with technical amendments. The measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor. This office will continue to work with the Department of Children and Family Services and County Counsel to determine potential programmatic and fiscal impact to the County, and also to analyze the recent technical amendments to the bill.

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As previously reported, AB 1712 is the vehicle for clean-up legislation to **County support-in-concept AB 12** (Chapter 559, Statutes of 2010) and AB 212 (Chapter 459, Statutes of 2011), which extended Foster Care and Kinship Guardian Assistance Program benefits to eligible youth up to 21 years of age, as provided in H.R. 6893, the Federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.

AB 2210 (Smyth), which as amended on May 21, 2012, would require the assessor of a county to, upon request of the county board of supervisors, estimate whether property valuations have decreased by 3 percent or more and, if so, require the assessor to issue a written report to the board of supervisors within 30 days and notify other entities impacted by the decrease in property valuation with 15 days of the report passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 17 to 0 on May 25, 2012. The measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

SB 1566 (Negrete McLeod and Emmerson), which as amended on April 10, 2012 would restore a specified allocation of Vehicle License Fee (VLF) revenues redirected from newly incorporated cities to fund a portion of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment and also cites legislative intent that VLF revenues be available for communities considering incorporation in the future, including the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles, was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 24, 2012 and will not proceed to the Senate Floor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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